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A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., August 9, 2011.

Members present: Mayor W. D. Tharp; Councilwoman Mary L. Flood; Councilman Guy E. Murray, Jr.; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman James A. Vest; and Vice Mayor Robert T. Wandrei

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Tharp opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tharp declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on July 26, 2011, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Bedford Hospice House dedication – August 20

Mayor Tharp indicated that the following item was added to the agenda: Resolution – State Aid

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

Request by Bedford Main Street, Inc. that Council authorize blocking the following streets for “Centerfest” 2011 on Saturday, September 24th from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.:

- East Main Street from Otey Street to Bridge Street
 - West Main Street from Bridge Street to Ballard Street
 - South Street from Main Street to Washington Street
 - Court Street from Main to Depot Street
 - South Bridge Street from Main to Washington
 - North Bridge from Main to City lot south of Railroad Bridge
 - West Depot from North Bridge Street to Ballard Street, Market Square
- (all)
- East Depot to Court Street

On motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council approved the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye

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Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

City Manager Kolakowski said that on July 27, 2010, the City Zoning Administrator approved a plat of survey at the request of James W. Andrews and Dale W. and Rebecca A. Stanley, creating a two lot subdivision on the east side of Independence Boulevard that included a new City street designated as Patriot Lane. The City Manager stated that under current State law and City zoning law, the City Council must approve vacation of the old plat and the new sub-division plat. The City Attorney has drafted a proposed "Agreement to Vacation of Plat and Re-Subdivision of Lots" which will allow the City sub-division agent to approve the new plat and will allow the owners to have it recorded. The Agreement has been approved by the owners of the involved lots and by the bank.

City Manager Kolakowski recommended that Council, by appropriate motion, approve execution by the City of the "Agreement to Vacation of Plat and Re-Subdivision of Lots" providing for the recordation of the new sub-division plat properly locating Patriot Lane.

On motion by Councilman Stanley, seconded by Councilman Rush, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved execution by the City of the "Agreement to Vacation of Plat and Re-Subdivision of Lots" providing for the recordation of the new sub-division plat properly locating Patriot Lane. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Murray	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	abstained
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

Mayor Tharp stated that Council had before them a proposed resolution in support of full funding for state aid to localities.

On motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Vest, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the proposed resolution and directed that a press release be made. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Vice Mayor Wandrei	aye
Councilwoman Flood	aye
Councilman Murray	aye
Mayor Tharp	aye

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The resolution follows as adopted:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF FULL FUNDING FOR STATE AID TO LOCALITIES**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has for several years under funded their obligation to several locally administered programs including public education, public safety, and constitutional officers; and

WHEREAS, the current Appropriation Act contains \$60 million in across the board cuts to cities and counties for both FY11 and FY12; and

WHEREAS, these cuts are applied to essential services including law enforcement, jail administration, foster care which the City of Bedford is obligated to provide; and

WHEREAS, the various localities, including the City of Bedford, have been thereby forced to budget funds to make up this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, this failure to adequately budget for the Commonwealths responsibility adversely impacts other important local services and in some cases causes local tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the State should not shift its share of the costs for mandates and responsibilities to local governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bedford that the Mayor is authorized to send a request to Governor Robert McDonnell that the Commonwealth budget provide for sufficient funds to fully fund the Commonwealth's budgetary commitments for FY12 and further that the Governor eliminate the aid to localities reduction in the budget submitted for FY13 and FY14.

Mayor Tharp adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.